

SAN DIEGO MULTIFAMILY



Asking Rents Contract, Investment Improves

San Diego's multifamily market ended the third quarter on a decelerating path, with advertised asking rents down 0.2%, on a trailing three-month basis through September, to \$2,728. The national average remained unchanged for the quarter, at \$1,750. The metro's occupancy declined 40 basis points year-over-year, to 96.1% in September, outperforming the 94.8% U.S. figure.

Unemployment in San Diego stood at 5.0% in August, according to preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This was the highest figure since October 2021. Job gains slowed down, to a 0.8% expansion over the 12 months ending in July, lagging the U.S. figure by 50 basis points. This represented a net gain of 13,500 jobs, with education and health services (12,900 jobs) and government (5,500) leading growth. Professional and business services (-4,500) and manufacturing (-3,700) recorded significant losses.

San Diego developers completed 2,977 units year-to-date through September, which represented 1.4% of stock and lagged the U.S. rate by 70 basis points. A 60% year-over-year drop in construction starts confirmed the slowdown in activity, a trend present across most markets. However, multifamily demand remained steady. Meanwhile, transactions recorded a 25% year-over-year volume increase, to a total of \$671 million for the first three quarters.

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Recent San Diego Transactions

ALX



City: San Diego Buyer: Virtu Investments Purchase Price: \$137 MM Price per Unit: \$437,700

AVA Balboa Park



City: San Diego Buyer: AvalonBay Communities Purchase Price: \$51 MM Price per Unit: \$510,000

Encinitas Terrace Senior



City: Encinitas, Calif. Buyer: Property West Purchase Price: \$29 MM Price per Unit: \$286,275

Mar at Mesa



City: San Diego Buyer: F&F Income Properties Purchase Price: \$22 MM Price per Unit: \$346,774